CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A computer method for editing a form, comprising:

displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user

5   that a control is available for the element;

upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, presenting the control for

user interaction; and

upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the

element with a new element responsive to user action.

10 2.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the form is a database query.

3.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the form is a spreadsheet.

4.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the element is part of a calculation.

5.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the element is part of a formula.

6.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the control is a list of choices.

15 7.   The method of Claim 6, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.

8.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the control is a dialog box.

9.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the control is a text entry field.

10. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

 upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action, wherein

 the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a

5 dialog box and a text entry field.

11. A computer system for editing a form, comprising:

 a user interface for displaying information to a user and for accepting input from the user;

 a hyperlink displayed on the user interface for an element in the form, to

10 indicate to the user that a control is available for the element;

 upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, the control displayed on the user interface for user interaction; and

 upon completion of user interaction with the control, a new element responsive to user action replacing the element.

15 12. The computer system of Claim 11, wherein the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.

13. A computer program product for editing a form, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code which:

20 displays a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element;

 upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, presents the control for user interaction; and

 upon completion of user interaction with the control, replaces the

25 element with a new element responsive to user action.

14.   A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave for editing a form, comprising:

        a program code segment for displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element;

        a program code segment for presenting, upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, the control for user interaction; and

        a program code segment for replacing, upon completion of user interaction with the control, the element with a new element responsive to user action.